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Today's Topics:

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Date: 22 Nov 89 16:16:03 GMT  
From: agate!shelby!neon!kaufman@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (Marc T. Kaufman)  
Subject: .....I can listen to anything...Marc Kaufman

In article <8911211613.AA10780@ti.com> dube@cpdvax.csc.ti.com (DUBE TODD) writes:  
.My problem is not with the listening, but why the curiosity? I don't  
.believe any individual is so great that all others MUST satisfy his curiosity.  
.Just because you have a receiver doesn't grant you rights to know everything  
.about what you hear on it.  
. Dube Todd

Some people are like sheep, and feel content to be lead, and to believe what they are told by others. Others of us tend to be distrustful of "authority", and want to find out for ourselves.

What I don't understand, is why YOUR being uncomfortable with MY curiosity should make you want to suppress it. My "rights" to know everything don't depend on my owning a receiver. When the actions I engage in are not illegal, where is your "right" to suppress it?

Marc Kaufman (kaufman@Neon.stanford.edu)

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Date: 22 Nov 89 03:37:15 GMT  
From: att!cbnews1!prm@ucbvax.Berkeley.EDU (paul.r.mount)  
Subject: 42 MHZ dx

Saturday and Sunday I was picking up police from CA on 42 MHZ, 42.12 and 42.56 MHZ to be precise. Last night they were

talking about St. Louis!

This may be of interest to those of you interested when propagation is good to certain areas, but I don't know.

Is there another BBS either here on the net more suited for non ham DX, or does anyone know of a phone number for the ANARC (ACE) BBS that used to be based in Peoria, IL

Paul

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Date: Wed, 22 Nov 89 8:48:39 EST  
From: Clark Fishman (FSF) <cfishman@PICA.ARMY.MIL>  
Subject: [To: CHR%UTR%utrcgw.utc.com: MOBILE KW]

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Date: Tue, 21 Nov 89 16:11:09 EST  
From: Clark Fishman (FSF) <cfishman@PICA.ARMY.MIL>  
To: CHR%UTR%utrcgw.utc.com@RELAY.CS.NET  
cc: cfishman@PICA.ARMY.MIL  
Subject: MOBILE KW  
Message-ID: <8911211611.aa24879@AC4.PICA.ARMY.MIL>

My friend Sam Povone W2DDN runs a KW on 20 meters from his Dodge pickup truck using a homebrew 3CX800 amplifier powered off the truck's alternator. He tapped off the AC output from the alternator and feeds it into three custom made (in Florida) transformers. This was written up in QST a while back. The supply puts out about 2500 volts and since it is a grounded grid amp triode only filament voltage is necessary. I don't have Sam's address handy. He lives in Boonton, NJ and is good in the callbook. Contact him and mention my name..we work at the same place.

Have fun

Clark Fishman WA2UNN

----- End of forwarded messages  
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Date: 22 Nov 89 16:19:25 GMT  
From: cs.utexas.edu!ut-emx!trey@tut.cis.ohio-state.edu (Trey Garlough)  
Subject: Free Vacuum Forever!

In article <8589.256A1EC3@stjhmc.fidonet.org>, Jim.Grubs@f1.n234.z1.fidonet.org

(Jim Grubs) writes:

> > Right on. Was he trying to say that I don't have the right to listen  
> > to E&M radiation that somebody has SENT RIGHT THROUGH MY LIVING ROOM?!  
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> Listen to the "radiation" all you want. It's the message content I'm  
> concerned about. But enough of this. We have all stated our obviously  
> irreconcilable views. You're snoops and I'm a fuddy duddy for not  
> approving your bad manners.

Aren't the ill-mannered ones those who are beaming this energy through my house?

The police want to send a secret message to one of their drug operatives in Santa Cruz, California, so to get the message to their man, they fire up the Civil Defense bullhorns and broadcast their secret message all over the city.

Their man gets the message. Unfortunately so do many of the other people who happen to be in Santa Cruz at the time. The police are concerned as their message was not intended for the ears of the public, yet somehow it ended up in the hands of private citizens. The police don't seek a technological solution as that would cost them money. Instead, they lobby the legislature to pass laws that would define "intercepting" announcements made via bullhorns as "criminal eavesdropping."

In an attempt to prevent these "criminal eavesdroppers" from jeopardizing police operations, the legislature passes a law that requires everyone (save for the police, of course) to wear earmuffs.

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Date: Wed, 22 Nov 89 08:15:34 MST  
From: bobw@biocat.chem.usu.edu (Bob Wood)  
Subject: INFO-HAMS Digest V89 #916

Keith, you may drop me from direct distribution. I now have a USENET feed direct to this computer. Thanks. Bob, WA7MXZ

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Date: 22 Nov 89 15:21:55 GMT  
From: sun-barr!newstop!east!hienergy!jimv@apple.com (Jim Vienneau - CSD Program Manager)  
Subject: Military aircraft callsigns...Eugene Balinski

Can we pleeeeee take this discussion to somewhere else? Alt.flame perhaps?  
This discussion is going nowhere fast and taking up lots of bandwidth doing  
it!

Jim Vienneau - KC10U  
Sun Microsystems - Billerica, MA  
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Date: 22 Nov 89 15:00:27 GMT  
From: tellab5!jcj@uunet.uu.net (jcj)  
Subject: Scanners?

I'm in the market for a hand-held digital scanner. I  
recently saw an ad for a Cobra SR-10 for about \$125 and  
I was wondering if anyone had any experience with this one  
or its brothers. Thanks. (I'm most interested in air/rail  
freq's.)

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att!tellab5!jcj  
"It's a thought! It's just a thought!" ~Charlie Manson

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Date: Wed, 22 Nov 89 10:49:03 EST  
From: bill gunshannon <702WFG%SCRVMSYS.BITNET@CORNELLC.cit.cornell.edu>  
Subject: scanners and privacy (was Military callsigns)

>From: dube@cpdvax.csc.ti.com (DUBE TODD)  
>Subject: military call signs.....etc.  
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> then we should get concerned about our use of cordless phones. Anyone  
>can park  
> in front of your home and receive/record all your personal conversation that  
> you  
>care to "dump" into the public domain and do whatever he/she pleases with it;  
>possibly resulting in some embarrassment to you and your family. As someone  
> mentioned, it's like overhearing a conversation in any public gathering.  
>We can't have it both ways. Think about it.  
>  
> Regards,  
> Dube Todd

Anyone who uses a cordless phone and thinks that nobody else can hear

it is a fool. I don't monitor anything but the ham bands (because I don't really care about the rest), but I have frequently heard cordless phones at the bottom of 6 meters while tuning around. I have on occasion stopped long enough to hear where they were from. I have picked up cordless phone transmissions from as far away as 8 miles over rather mountainous terrain. What makes it even worse is I have compared the sensitivity of my scanner and my 6 meter rig and the scanner was better. I hardly think anyone needs to park in front of your house to listen. Just for the sake of showing how little the public really knows about the technology they use on a day to day basis, I once overheard the beginning of a conversation between 2 family members that started with: "Don't tell this to anybody....." While every scanner freak within a 8 mile radius listened in!!!!

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Date: 22 Nov 89 15:40:38 GMT  
From: gem.mps.ohio-state.edu!usc!cs.utexas.edu!uwm.edu!ux1.cso.uiuc.edu!  
deimos.cis.ksu.edu!harris.cis.ksu.edu!mac@tut.cis.ohio-state.edu (Myron A.  
Calhoun)  
Subject: The "right to receive"

In article <18285@bellcore.bellcore.com> karn@ka9q.bellcore.com (Phil Karn) writes:

>A law, like the ECPA, that prohibits the passive reception of radio signals  
>is unenforceable outside a police state. Perhaps even in one; the Soviet  
>Union and China have not been thoroughly successful in their attempts to  
>stop their citizens from listening to western radio broadcasts.

A Hungarian electrical engineer was a graduate student of mine a few years ago. As a bright young student in his native country, he changed the local oscillator on a broadcast receiver to listen out of the "approved" bands AND GOT CAUGHT AND WAS FINED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT! So at least one police state is/was looking for such activity.

IMHO the reason I feel free to listen to anything that enters my home is based on the old cliché "Your freedom ends where my nose begins." The original meaning probably was something like "In this country you have the right to do anything you want, but your right does not allow you to hit me in the face." More current interpretations may include "You do not have the right to blow your cigarette smoke in my face!"

And in the sense of My Humble Opinion I say that if someone voluntarily and of his/her own freewill "gives" something to me and "delivers" it to the inside of my home (which is even further than UPS delivers!), then it is mine to do with as I please.

(Note that the words "voluntarily" and "of his/her own freewill" that I used above differentiate between radio waves which come into my house and an automobile that might accidentally crash into my house; I do NOT think I have the right to take the hubcaps from such an automobile (but I do expect to get recompense for the damage to my house from the automobile's driver and/or his/her insurance company).  
--Myron (the proud owner of a brand new PRO-2005!)

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Date: Wed, 22 Nov 89 11:34:35 EST  
From: mgb@apg-tecnet.apg.army.mil  
Subject: Thought Police (or just another stupid posting)

dube@cpdvax.csc.ti.com (DUBE TODD) writes:

>Where do you get your info about agreements with Russians? Who said  
>anything about SAC? Who said anything about who could listen? My  
>problem is not with the listening, but why the curiosity? I don't  
>believe any individual is so great that all others MUST satisfy his  
>curiosity. Just because you have a receiver doesn't grant you rights  
>to know everything about what you hear on it.  
> Dube Todd

Let me get this right. Your problem is not with his listening, but with his curiosity. You are upset because he is curious. I.E. You don't like the way he "THINKS"? People should only be allowed to be curious about things that YOU approve of? Would you not agree that this is a rather radical point of view?

A person posted a request asking for some information on something that he was curious about, he did not say "EVERYONE ON THE NET WILL IMMEDIATELY GIVE ME THIS INFORMATION ON PAIN OF DEATH". He simply ASKED... he did not demand. No one "MUST satisfy his curiosity, only those that feel generous enough to do so".

No one has said anything in any of the postings that I have read to date that people HAVE THE RIGHT to know what they are listening to. However, given that

this is a free country (it still is isn't it?) I believe that anyone has the right to ASK.

If you disagree with that, and want to also control peoples curiosity, then I am afraid that your views contradict those of our founding forefathers.

Is this discussion about ham radio? Is the next topic going to be whether people should be allowed to believe in Buddah? Is this reply as ridiculous as the original posting? Hmmm... yes it is.

Mark Bitterlich  
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Oh yeah... WA3JPY.... I forgot this is a ham radio net! :-)

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